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EnergySmart Schools program
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The Board of Directors of the National School Boards Association (NSBA) has unanimously endorsed the U.S. Department of Energy's EnergySmart Schools (ESS) program. NSBA Executive Director, Anne Bryant, praised the program for "using a holistic approach to improving the teaching and learning environment by providing resources to encourage healthy high-performance schools and energy education for the consumers of tomorrow." The U.S. Department of Energy is the first federal agency to receive this official endorsement.

<http://www.rebuild.org/sectors/SectorPages/nsba.html>

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EnergySmart Schools

EnergySmart Schools (ESS) improves teacher education and student learning at all levels through hands on activities that in-turn reduce school energy consumption. Students grow to have a vested interest in energy reduction by integrating energy curriculum into the classroom. They take an active role in the school by performing energy audits or forming school-wide “energy patrols”, for example. In addition to curriculum, districts are encouraged to create



alternative activities for the school and/or community to supplement teacher instruction. These activities help develop a team approach to energy efficiency and go beyond the classroom to incorporate students, teaching staff, administration, and parents in a fun learning environment. The EnergySmart Schools program can serve as an additional component to an energy retrofit allowing the students to document and use the new energy upgrades as hands-on learning tools. Energy is the second largest item in a school's budget. Behavioral changes taught through the EnergySmart Schools Program can save 15% of your schools' energy consumption.

The Incentive

Rebuild MI, in partnership with the National Energy Education Development Project (NEED), is offering an EnergySmart Schools financial incentive for eligible public K-12 districts in Michigan to implement energy education projects during the 2005-2006 school year. Financial incentives of \$4,000 - \$6,500 will be available per application for up to 4-6 school districts for energy education faculty workshops and educational materials for the students. Sample projects include energy education curriculum for the classrooms and a alternative energy activity such as a school-wide energy fair, energy conservation club, or student-led energy efficiency patrol. Funding will be awarded on a first come first serve basis. Last year two pilot districts received EnergySmart School incentives. For more information regarding our pilot programs please contact Kathy Dickens of Laker Public Schools at (989) 453-4605 or Rick Repicky of Fraser Public Schools at (586) 879-2201.



Eligibility

Your school district must be enrolled in the Rebuild Michigan program prior to receiving the incentive. If you are not already enrolled please see www.michigan.gov/eormes or contact Tim Shireman at

tashire@michigan.gov for more information. The district must also be committed to integrating curriculum related to energy efficiency or renewable energy into their classroom

Requirements

Eligible school districts should plan on initiating one or more energy education training sessions in the spring/summer and integrate energy activities into the classroom during the fall semester 2005.

Application

If you would like to apply for the incentive or have any questions please contact Tim Shireman, Rebuild MI/Energy Office, at (517) 241-6281 or tashire@michigan.gov to request an application.

Selection

Applications may be submitted to the MI Energy Office between **03/01/05 and 07/01/05**, but the submission period will end when funds are exhausted. All curriculum materials and staff workshops will be provided by NEED. The NEED project is a nonprofit education association dedicated to developing hands-on energy education programs to schools nationwide. To become familiar with NEED's energy related activities and lesson plans please go to www.need.org.